(Figures in 000'tonnes)

Year	Demand	Allotment
Imported Edible Oils		
1984-85	175	106.30
1985-86	195	102.50
1986-87	201	108.83

Rice Production in the eastern zone

2585. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the level of production of rice in eastern zone during each of the last three years;

(b) whether there had been any marked improvement in the production of rice in the eastern zone since the thrust was given for rice production in the zone about two years back; and

(c) if so, what has been the specific increase in rice production in Eastern zone since the thrust for rice production was initiated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The level of production of rice in the eastern zone viz. in the States of Assam, Bihar, East Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, East Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal, where the Centrally Sponsored Special Rice Production Programme is being implemented during each of the last three years is given below:—

1984-85 (base)	310.0 lakh tonnes
1985-86	358.2 lakh tonnes
1986-87	332.2 lakh tonnes

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) As stated at (a) above, the rice production has gone up during 1985-86 and 1986-87 as compared to the base year of 1984-85.

Allocation of white butter to various dairy Federations

2586. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Co-operative Dairy Federation of India has recommended to National Dairy Development Board for allocation of about 5000MT of white butter to various dairy federations;

(b) if so, whether National Dairy Development Board proposes to allocate the same on the basis of table butter supplied to civilian market in 1986-87; and

(c) whether NDDB feels that in a year of drought the imported butter should be allocated for making table butter for select consumers instead of being made into milk for a majority of consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) It is the policy of National Dairy Development Board to issue imported butter to the user dairies primarily to extend the supply of liquid milk. However, the allocation of imported butter for manufacture of table butter could be considered only after meeting the requirements of dairies for recombination purposes.